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For: BEARING MATERIAL FOR POROUS HYDROSTATIC GAS  
BEARING AND POROUS HYDROSTATIC GAS BEARING USING THE  
SAME

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants hereby bring the attached documents to the attention of the examiner. These documents are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

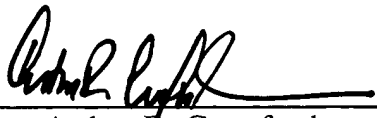
Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP § 609] with the next communication.

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